

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of June 6, 2005**

1. **“Click It or Ticket” Campaign:** In two selective enforcement details this week on Flower Avenue aimed at seat belt enforcement, some 38 citations and written warnings were issued. This was part of the department's efforts in the annual "Click it or Ticket" campaign. In the other regular traffic stops conducted throughout the week, over 90% of the stops resulted in citations being issued. *(Police)*
2. **Officers in Training:** Training this week included regular K-9 team in-service, which occurs monthly. Several officers attended an in-service class with Montgomery County Police on counter terrorism tactics for patrol officers. This training includes tactics on spotting fraudulent identification documents and on conducting vehicle searches in a field setting. *(Police)*
3. **Testing for Officers:** The oral interview panels were conducted this week as part of the promotional process for the ranks of Corporal. Twelve officers participated in this phase of the testing. *(Police)*
4. **Street Renovations (Wards 1 & 6):** The City is in the process of completing concrete work (curb, gutter sidewalk) on Wildwood and Kirklynn Avenues. Concrete work is scheduled for Erskine Avenue between Monday and Friday of next week. Milling operations are in progress for Buffalo, Dundalk and First Avenues. Wildwood and Kirklynn Avenues are scheduled for milling later next week. Asphalt paving will be scheduled after milling is complete. Schedules are subject to change because of rainy weather or asphalt availability. *(Public Works)*
5. **Jazz Festival (Ward 1):** The Public Works Department is providing the following support to the Jazz Festival: chair transportation and setup, bandstand transportation and setup, generator transportation and setup, trans collection & removal and more. The City Manager has granted a noise waiver for the Jazz Fest. *(Public Works)* And, City TV staff will be covering the annual Takoma JazzFest in Jequie Park on Saturday, June 11 with the PEG Network production van. *(City TV)*
6. **City TV Award:** City TV received notification of an award in the 2005 Hometown Video Festival. This award is for "Humane Society PSA" in the category of Educational Class Project. Takoma Park resident, and then 6th grader, Julian Barnes wrote, produced and edited this PSA with City TV staff as mentors for the community service component of a multi-disciplinary project on Television. City TV will be issuing a press release soon, and the award will be presented on Friday, July 8 in Monterey, California at the Alliance for Community Media annual conference. *(City TV)*
7. **Library Damage:** On the night of June 6, the Library again sustained water damage - both from extensive leaking of the roof in the area of juncture with the community center, and through the back doors because of a blocked storm drain. Thankfully, Dave Burbank was on site at the time and was able to do some emergency damage control - pulling books off shelves, newspapers under the door, contacting DPW and the Library Director. On Tuesday, staff were able to identify and pack wet books, and 239 of them were picked up for off-site freeze drying. Minimally wet books were allowed to dry on tables. Serv-Pro is currently drying carpeting in the non-fiction aisles and the staff room. Our heart-felt thanks to everyone who helped and empathized. *(Library)*

8. **New Employee:** Beth Williams has joined the Library staff as our new part-time Library Assistant. Beth has extensive background in early childhood education and is pursuing a new interest in Library work. (Library)

9. **Afternoon Addition:** Afternoon Addition has been holding a Fear Factor/Survivor week to celebrate the end of the school year. Students participated in mind challenges, food competitions, sports, games and more. (Recreation)

10. **Summer Camp Training:** Carey Antoszewski, Recreation Manager, attended a Summer Camp Training for school age children on June 4, sponsored by the Montgomery County Child Care Association. The focus was activity based techniques to assist with training staff as well as introducing age appropriate programming ideas. (Recreation)

11. **Graduating Employee:** Darrielle Warley, a member of the staff at the Takoma Park Recreation Center, graduated from the University of Maryland-College Park on May 22, with a degree in Family Studies. Dee Dee has worked for the department during her junior and senior year and will remain in her part-time capacity working with youth. (Recreation)

12. **Future Partner:** Debra Haiduven, Recreation Director, met with Ron Wylie of Adventist Community Services to discuss partnerships with the City. Ideas that were generated include services for seniors, the unemployed and caregivers. More details will follow. (Recreation)

13. **Affordable Housing Program (All Wards):** The first session of the Home Buyers' Club was held on Tuesday, June 7th. Marla Lutz, the lead presenter for the Club, who is bilingual (Spanish and English) engaged the 24 attendees in a discussion on the choice of home ownership, the steps in purchasing, and the financial and emotional responsibilities that go hand in hand with being a home owner. The discussion was lively and provoked many questions which will be answered throughout the program. The Program handbook "American Dream" was given out to all attendees. Within this next month, the registrants will obtain their credit reports and schedule individual counseling sessions with staff from the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Washington, Inc. There were six registrants who did not attend, so staff will contact those people to ascertain if they are still interested in being a part of the program. (Housing and Community Development)